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HAPPY RUNNER - F. G. Miller student Cyle Graus was having a good time representing his school at cross country zones at Ross Lake, judging by the big smile on his face.

FGM wins 2A cross-country banner

QUINTON AMUNDSON

Review Contributor

Member schools of St. Paul Athletics Association (SPAA) put on a very strong showing at the cross country zone finals on Oct. 7, hosted at the Ross Lake Campground in Whitney Lakes Provincial Park.

Mallaig School finished as the class of the 1A schools with a grand total of 1947.38 points, outdistancing second-place Glendon (760.11) by close to 1,200 points.

"I was very proud of all our runners," stated Mallaig athletic director Brad Tillapaugh in an email to the Journal. "They ran extremely well and we captured the 1A zone banner for the 9th time in a row. Now we have 14 runners advancing to provincial competition."

Mallaig's junior boys (Grade 10) and girl runners accounted for 1110 of the points the school earned.

Earning the 2A school banner was F. G. Miller — host school for this zone tournament — with 1,345.31 points, which is just shy of 175 points better than the 1,172.70 points collected by Notre Dame High School.

Jonathan Randall said in an email that his students overcame adversity to earn this banner.

"Our school had a great performance capturing the 2A banner even though we battled some sickness and injuries," wrote Randall. "All our kids gave it everything they had at zones and it was nice to be awarded the banner at the end of the day."

F. G. Miller's junior boys were particularly impressive, earning 556.72 points. A total of eight FGM athletes are advancing to the ASAA Cross Country Provincials, which are being held at the Wapiti Nordic Ski Trails near Grande Prairie on Saturday.

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Chamber checks up on energy, cost savings

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has gone even more eco-friendly in recent weeks, with the change to LED lights throughout the Visitor Information EcoCentre, a change that president Jonny Nielsen said should bring the power bill "close to zero," with usage covered by energy collected by the solar array.

Having received "substantial" natural gas bills for the facility, far higher than normal for summer months, Nielsen went exploring and discovered that the heating boiler and water heater had both been turned unnecessarily high, a situation that has since been remedied and will hopefully bring the bills back down to normal.

Nielsen also found that the building was equipped with six phone lines, plus multiple CAT 5 cables, when the FCSS department required only WiFi and one

phone line with a smart ring for fax, while the chamber has no need for a phone line at this time. He said that part of the equipment had been for Lakeland College's monitoring of the renewable energy sources, which is no longer being done. Disconnection of the extra lines will be a substantial saving to the Town of Elk Point, which had been paying the bills, Nielsen noted.

The fate of the locked-down wind turbine was also on the chamber's October agenda, with Nielsen reporting that both auctioneers he spoke with felt that selling the unit on Kijiji or eBay might be a better alternative than a live auction, because it would reach a larger audience and increase the potential for a good selling price. Members voted to pursue this method of selling the unit, with the option to refuse any bid and with removal of the turbine at the purchaser's expense.

With their current line of credit extended to the end of the year, the chamber is still debating the best course

of action to take regarding leasing of the EcoCentre offices to the Town on a long-term basis, and hope to have a final answer at the next meeting.

With just over six weeks to go before the chamber's Christmas Extravaganza, Extravaganza Committee member Lesia Porcina reported that letters were now in the mail seeking donations toward a projected \$9,000 budget for the afternoon and early evening of family-style activities that is coming up Saturday, Nov. 21. Letters have also gone to the RCMP and the Fire Department regarding their roles in the annual kickoff to the Christmas season.

The committee will be finalizing their plans at their next meeting on Oct. 20, for events that could potentially include everything from a soup cook-off to snowshoe races, in addition to such favourites as photos with Santa, tractor-drawn hayrides, the Winter Wonderland parade and fireworks finale.

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Alberta Health Services

Hospital roof going to consultant for recommendations

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Hopes that maintenance staff could repair Elk Point Health Care Centre's leaking roof were dashed when they could not locate the source of the leak, Mayor Parrish Tung told town council at last Monday's special meeting. He had contacted Alberta Health's North Zone Senior Operating Director of Rural Health Cindy Harmata, who told him that a proposal had been submitted for a consultant to visit the site, find the source and make recommendations on how to remedy the situation and what this would cost. If the cost is reasonable, "the repair would be quick, if it is more, it would have to be put in the facility's budget," he noted. "The community just has to be patient."

The mayor also addressed rumors regarding a nursing shortage, saying there are "at least three permanent staff working, but they still have to speed up the hiring process" to avoid being short staffed in case of position changes and to allow workers to take breaks over the Christmas holiday season. With the availability of physiotherapy staff also questioned by the community, he reported that physio is available twice a week, one of those days for home care patients and one for outpatients. "Everything is based on need," he said, adding, "and closure of the Health Care Centre is far from the truth."

"People are trying to micromanage the hospital, and that's wrong," Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich commented.

Direct Deposit

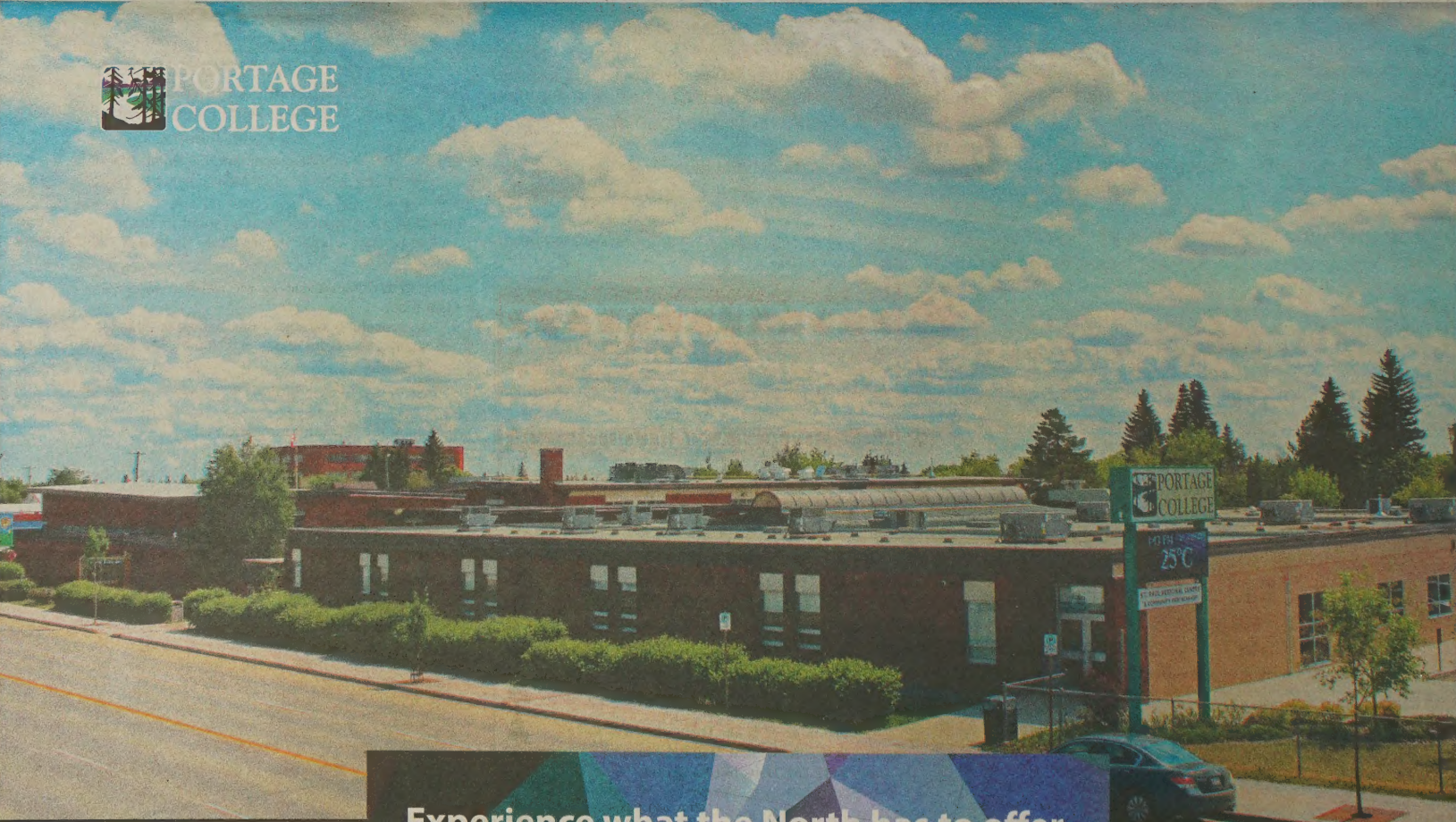
Town of Elk Point employees will soon have their pay cheques directly deposited in their bank accounts. Council moved to proceed with the process after considering the costs that would be incurred for necessary software, training and annual program fees. It is estimated that the change will take effect in November.

The use of direct deposit will require time sheets to be submitted to the payroll department five working days prior to payment, and anything not on the time sheets will be added to the next week's month pay.

Administration is also researching the possibility of acquiring a debit card terminal for the town office to facilitate payment of utility bills and taxes.

Time limit waived

The owner of two industrial lots visited council to discuss a proposal to landscape a portion of the property, although he will not be building on it in the near future. Mayor Tung said town council is "happy that a local business is optimistic about the future and is investing in the community," and agreed to waive the time limit for constructing a building on the property within a specified time period.



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First Nations issues take center stage at second candidates' forum

QUINTON AMUNDSON

Review Contributor

A discussion of the key issues facing Aboriginal and Métis people proved to be the focal point of the federal election candidate's forum hosted at the Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre on Oct. 5.

Two of the candidates vying to represent the Lakeland Riding — Garry Parenteau of the Liberal Party and Duane Zaraska of the NDP party — were present. Shannon Stubbs of the Conservative Party and Libertarian Party candidate Robert McFadzean were attending a forum in Bonnyville while the event in St. Paul was taking place. McFadzean gave permission to Allen Paley, the Libertarian candidate running to represent the Edmonton Millwoods riding, to speak at this forum in his place.

Prior to answering questions from the crowd the candidates delivered an opening statement to introduce themselves and to share their party's goals for the country.

Parenteau spoke first. He said the Liberal party platform would work to "keep the middle class as middle class and get more of the working class to become part of the middle class." He said he would also work to support the Lakeland's agriculture and oil and gas sectors on a national level.

He then proceeded to talk about the importance to create strong new partnerships with Canada's First Nations. He wants to promote First Nations' education Indigenous languages. He also wants to bring about an inquiry into the missing and murdered Aboriginal women of Canada "because there has been 10 years of inaction and more action needs to be taken." He added that there needs to be a better effort to protect Aboriginal rights.

Paley spoke about being fortunate to have been invited to read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action report this year because it helped him to understand "the issues we need to face with the legacy of residential schools" and a "framework on how to learn more about the future." He then spoke about what the Libertarian Party is all about.

"Some people love government, some people are indifferent and some people are skeptical," he said. "The Libertarian party comes from a classic liberal tradition where government, despite some of the things it can do can not get carried away. We must judge policy based on results and not on intentions."

"You can read the Reconciliation report and you can tell that a lot of people involved want to change the world for the better. They want to teach people new skills and integration. But really the intentions and the results were not congruent at all."

Zaraska opened his speech talking about how a NDP government will be "fair for all Canadians." He said the NDP would work to stop the economy from being over-reliant on the oil and gas sector and instead become diverse in order to cease "the constant boom and bust cycle." Zaraska adds he'll support agriculture, help improve health care, and bring about better pensions for seniors.

Zaraska said, "we must end the empty promises" towards First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. He said the NDP would engage in "a nation-to-nation dialogue based on a foundation of respect. He said the NDP will provide these groups with economic opportunities, access to quality education and he said Mulcair has promised an investigation into the missing and murdered Aboriginal groups.

How to Vote:

One of the attendees of the forum requested that the candidates share information on how First Nations people can vote and therefore not get excluded from the election process.

Zaraska responded by saying he has visited a lot of the First Nations communities in the riding to offer information on how they can vote. He told them that two pieces of ID — one must be a letter of residency — is required for them to vote.

Parenteau said this problem is indeed a conundrum as some communities within the Lakeland riding are being mailed instructions to vote in another riding. He says work needs to be done with Elections Canada to resolve this.

Métis Rights

When asked about how he will support Métis rights, Parenteau said he'll promote a nation-to-nation dialogue with the Métis and those groups will receive more funding in the next few years.

Paley said a Libertarian would work hard to work with their constituents whether "they are Metis, French or Ukrainian."

Zaraska says the NDP will make investments in support services for Métis, and additional educational opportunities for Metis youth.

Seniors' care

Speaking out at the candidates' forum was Hervina Angus, a senior citizen from Bonnyville that describes herself as a Status Treaty Indian that lives off the reserve "and have never once relied on Indian affairs. She comes to St. Paul for dialysis three times a week.

Angus told the crowd that she was blindsided by the recent news her health care providers dumped on her.

"I was phoned by my driver on Sept. 7 and she said 'Mrs. Angus, you had better call health services. It says here that your service has been terminated as of Sept. 7.'"

An Alberta health official did not get back to Angus with a phone call until Sept. 17. It was confirmed that her service did expire on Sept. 7.

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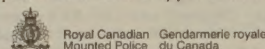
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EDITORIAL

Just do it!

In just six more days, voters across Canada will head to the polls to decide our nation's future. The forums will be wrapped up, the barrage of commercials will no longer assault us from television screens, and it will be all up to us to place our 'x' where we decide it should go.

Who you should vote for will be up to you. You have heard the platforms, the beliefs and the positions on vital issues that the candidates for each of the parties has put forward, and you have decided what you like and don't like about each and every one of them. Those are the facts and feelings you will use to make your choice.

The key words here are "make your choice." You have a say in what happens next Monday, and that is a right our forefathers and our predecessors fought for on our behalf. Because we have that right, it is up to us to honour their memory and use it.

We all know that the candidate we vote for may not win, that as in the provincial election, there could be some major surprises. But we have done our part, once that ballot is slid into the ballot box.

Vote as you please, but please, please vote.

RECREATION CORNER

Get those scarecrows set to show off!

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Coordinator

Elk Point's first-ever Town Wide Scarecrow Competition is well underway! I've been seeing quite a few scarecrows out lately, which is really exciting! My mom was asking around for an old straw hat to put on her little creation, however I'm not sure anyone will want to lend her the hat since there's good money up for grabs. The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the Business prize of \$250 and the Rec Department has sponsored the Best Residential Scarecrow prizes, with first place receiving \$125. Second place wins \$75 and third place \$50. If you want to make sure the judges pass by your home or business call/text 780-207-5898 or email recreation@elkpoint.ca

Halloween is fast approaching, you probably have the kids' costumes ready to go and the candy stocked up for the trick-or-treaters. This year there will be a Halloween Frolic at the Allied Arts Centre, so once you're finished collecting candy, head up there for games, dancing, prizes & more! Doors open at 6 p.m. and the party lasts till midnight!

The ice is in at the arena! There's not much I love more than the smell of the arena. Maybe spending so much time there as a kid (and adult) has got me loving that smell. My daughter Heaven will be playing hockey this year, a goalie! She's never played net, or hockey for that matter, but she is very athletic and has that competitive spirit! Watch for her in between the pipes for the Storm. If you're looking to get fit and have a little free fun on the ice, word is free public skating will be back this year, and once that's officialy underway I will have an announcement regarding a little something extra from the Rec Department.

Remembrance Day is less than a month away, if anyone would like to present a wreath at the ceremonies, please contact me ASAP.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Library opening, senior sports, Chamber of the Year

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 13 IN...

1985

The Honourable Mary LeMesseur, Minister of Culture, cut the ribbon to officially open the new Elk Point Library, which mistress of ceremonies Mary Bennett said was the latest chapter in Elk Point's "75-year love affair with books." The future of the A. G. Ross Arena was in doubt due to lack of support, only 11 people showing up at the annual meeting to conduct the \$90,000-a-year business of running the facility for another year.

1990

Elk Point would soon have a second doctor, with Dr. Dew Ramful and his wife Jan announcing that they and their four children would be moving to Elk Point as soon as they found housing, with plans to open a practice on Nov. 1. Liberal leader Lawrence Decore, addressing an Elk Point audience, called for an end to provincial government overspending and more openness regarding government contracts.

1995

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce announced that business consultant Terry Tereposky would be the guest speaker at their upcoming meeting, with a presentation on ways to prevent shoplifting, internal theft and other crimes that plague business owners. The Review welcomed a new generation of reporters, with F. G. Miller High School student Kelly Oszust returning for a second year as her school's reporter, while Fiona Daniels came on board to report the news from Heinsburg Community School, both young ladies planning future careers in journalism.

2000

Zone 7 members of the Alberta Senior Citizens

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Sports and Recreation Association celebrated 20 years of seniors' sports with the presentation of 15-year pins to members from St. Paul, Andrew, Wainwright, Two Hills and Fort Saskatchewan, and plaques to former executive officers, including past president Sid Holthe. There were new skyscrapers in the Lindbergh valley as Canadian Crude Separators' new oilfield sand disposal plant took shape northwest of Canadian Salt, whose empty caverns would be used to contain the sand.

2005

Walk to School Week was observed by students in Elk Point and around the world as part of an effort to raise awareness about the many positive health, safety and environmental benefits to be gained by walking to and from school on a regular basis. Changes were on the way for Christmas Extravaganza, with fireworks and 50.50 draws moved earlier, an overhauled bale maze, a new location for Santa photos and updated prizes on the roster.

2010



Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Sandy Smith accepted the Alberta Chamber of the Year Award for chambers under 100 members from Alberta Chamber of Commerce past chair Don Oszli at the Alberta Chambers roundtable in St. Paul. Kelsey Lindquist received more than her share of honours at F. G. Miller High School awards night, with 12 awards of her own and 11, including the Dr. K. C. Miller Best All-Round Student award, on behalf of her brother Brett.

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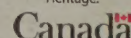
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Chronic Wasting Disease monitoring continues as disease spreads

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

As hunting season nears, the Alberta Government is stepping up its surveillance efforts of Chronic Wasting Disease. And although the St. Paul area isn't noted as a hot spot for the deadly illness that is found in deer, moose, and elk, hunters are still being encouraged to take part in the mandatory monitoring program.

St. Paul falls within the WMU 258, and is on the northern and western edge of the mandatory surveillance program. As in past years, a freezer will be located at Speedee Mart in St. Paul, which is where heads can be submitted for testing. The Town of Bonnyville falls just outside the mandatory testing area, but WMU 500 is included in the program.

"The disease is becoming more prevalent in the area, so the disease is in fact expanding in the areas where it's been. It's increasing," says Dave Moore, a senior wildlife biologist out of Vermilion.

One of the changes to

this year's program is that the mandatory surveillance zone has expanded to the south. Moore says the number of cases seen across the province of CWD has certainly increased in recent years.

"Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a serious disease that kills members of the deer family such as mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, and moose," according to information from the government's CWD website. But, "There is no evidence that CWD infects livestock or humans."

And although in some cases the deer population is down, the disease continues to see an increase and continues to spread. Moore says there hasn't been any positive testing in the St. Paul area since 2010 and 2007, when it was noted in WMU 256, south of the North Saskatchewan River.

A real area of infection seems to be the Wainwright area, and around the Red Deer River and South Saskatchewan River.

"The disease is 100 per

cent fatal (in infected animals)," says Moore. He explains that CWD often affects older animals, and can be harboured in the body for a number of years.



The disease can result in a decrease in the older buck population, which would in turn affect hunters who are out looking

for that trophy-type animal, says Moore.

In Alberta, the disease is mostly affecting the deer species, although one moose was found to have the disease in 2012.

Another risk of the disease is that it can get into the farmed elk population. A number of farms in Saskatchewan were affected, says Moore.

Once established, CWD is very difficult to control. And Moore says he expects that although it may take some time, the disease will likely work its way across the province, as it continues to move west.

"There's a lot of research going on as to what can be done to stop it," says Moore, but right now, there isn't much that can be done, aside from monitoring.

He says that although there are no known

human health risks, there are precautions that hunters can take when harvesting an animal. First, hunters should submit their heads to the surveillance program.

"The more we know about it, the better. So, please submit the heads," says Moore.

Then, when hunters prepare the meat, they should debone the animal, and not cut through any major bones, especially those that are connected to the nervous system, such as the neck and spine.

Moore then recommends people freeze the meat until there are results available from the animal.

"There is no known danger to humans, but some people would definitely be uncomfortable eating an animal that had CWD," says Moore.

To see a list of all WMUs included in the

mandatory surveillance program, and where freezers are located, visit www.mywildalberta.com. CWD-negative results are provided at albertarelm.com, and Fish and Wildlife staff will contact any hunter that harvests a CWD-

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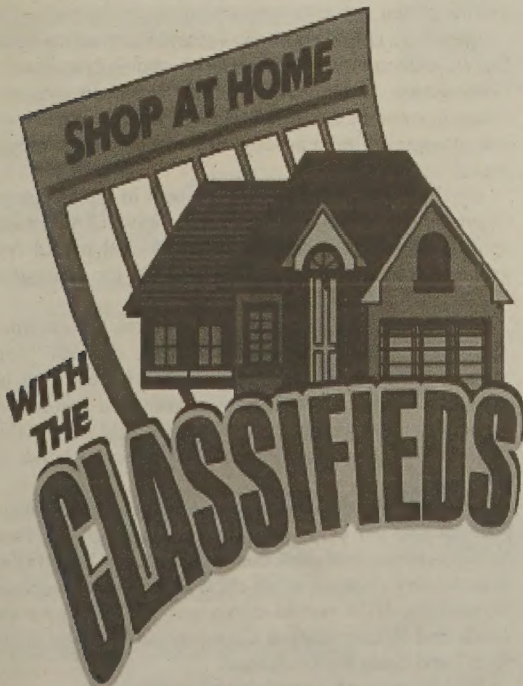
Crime Stoppers seek information

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Elk Point RCMP

Sometime between September 20th to September 21st, 2015 on a acreage bordering the Kehewin reserve off of range Road 65 and east of Kehewin Lake, a heifer calf was shot and killed.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3964.

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Federal election day is Monday



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Ready to vote
October 19, 2015



Fall boating takes a little bit more care

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Boating in the fall offers colourful vistas, quiet anchorages and excellent fishing but it is not without its challenges that necessitate self-sufficiency and taking some additional precautions to keep from running into trouble.

The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) and the Alberta Fish & Game Association (AGFA) want to remind all boaters enjoying the fall season on the water to follow these tips to ensure that their excursions are both safe and enjoyable.

Before heading out, be sure to check the weather forecast. The mixing of warm and cold air can quickly spawn high winds and waves making it treacherous for small boats. Fog, too, is an issue at this time of year making visibility difficult. Should boaters find themselves in a fog bank, they should proceed slowly and sound their horn at regular intervals to alert other boaters of their presence.

Well into October, daytime temperatures can occasionally be balmy but dressing for the water temperature will help slow the onset of hypothermia should the unexpected happen and the boater find himself in the water. Accidental cold water immersion can be shocking, but they shouldn't panic. It may take a minute or so to

get their breathing under control after the initial shock but they will have at least 10-15 minutes, even in very cold water, to affect self-rescue before they start to lose muscle control in their arms and legs. This is where an approved life-jacket, either inflatable or inherently buoyant, is an essential part of a boater's wardrobe to keep them afloat after they can no longer swim.

In the fall, there are fewer boats on the water to offer assistance, if needed. Boaters should be sure to leave a float plan with a responsible person on shore who will know what to do if they're overdue. A marine radio or cell phone will allow them to call for assistance should the need arise. Having a few tools and spare parts aboard will also allow them to fix minor problems that might otherwise cause them to be stranded out on the water.

It's important that boaters ensure that their boat and engine are in good shape and mechanically sound. Ethanol-based fuel can allow water contamination in the tank. The use of a fuel additive prevents water in the fuel line from freezing which could cause the engine to chug to a halt. If the boat has portable fuel tanks, it's a good idea to have a spare on board as a reserve.

When boaters head out, they should be wary

of reduced water levels that can result after a long, hot and dry summer season. Some of a boater's favourite shallow water fishing holes may be inaccessible at this time of year. Also, while underway, they should keep a sharp lookout for debris and chunks of ice that could penetrate the boat's hull at speed.

"Spectacular colours, peaceful solitude and the crispness of the air make boating in the fall a wondrous experience," says John Gullick, Chair of the Canadian Safe Boating Council. "To make the most of this experience safely, however, boaters need to be extra diligent in their preparations before departing. Most important of these are checking the weather, dressing for the water temperature, wearing a lifejacket and leaving a float plan with a responsible person on shore who can call for help should the need arise."

"Just because summer is over doesn't mean boating safety ends with it", says Martin Sharen, Executive Vice President of the Alberta Fish & Game Association. "So, whether you're getting in some late season fishing or going on a bird hunt make sure you've got your bases covered with all the appropriate equipment. Our great outdoors are there to be enjoyed!"

More from the Juried Art Show

Vicki Brooker photos

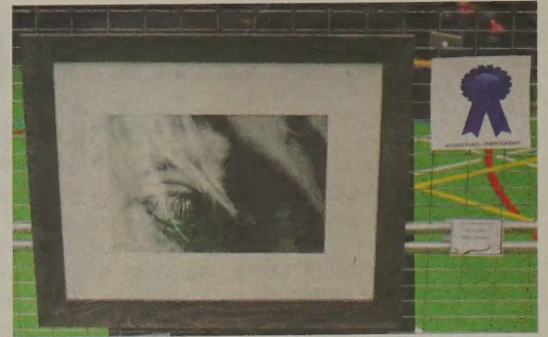


PHOTO PERFECT - Kathy Gusnowski placed second in Photography at the Articulated Juried Fine Art Show in Bonnyville with "Quiet Contemplation."



CARVING CREATIONS showing great skill and imagination were displayed by Hans Rohner.



PROLIFIC ARTIST Shirley Kinneberg had a number of paintings on display for show visitors to enjoy.

Review Announcements

BIRTHS



Welcome baby "Gus"

Augustus R. Osinchuk arrived Aug. 18, 2015

Weighing in at 9lb. 1 1/4 oz. and 22 1/2 inches "tall".

Proud parents: Linda and Duncan Osinchuk.

Sister Ricki-Lynn and brother Luke.

Proud grandparents: Carol and Les Thomson (Saskatoon).

Shirley (and Richard) Osinchuk

Waylon May and Cimantha Fritz

Are proud to announce the birth of their daughter

Ella Marie May

October 1, 2015 in St. Paul
Weight - 7lbs 20z
Length - 21"

Proud Grandparents
Tom and Toni May
Colette Credgeur
and Lloyd Fritz

Proud Great Grandparents
Harry and Bernice Zapesocki

Forum

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"I received no letter about this so I told them 'How dare you cut me off from dialysis after three years with no warning?'"

Alberta Health Services did push back the termination date to Dec. 1. Angus petitioned the candidates to make a commitment to help her with her plight, as she requires transportation help for her to be able to visit medical specialists to get her treatments.

Angus adds she knows she is not the only person being told that they don't qualify for any government assistance programs.

Zaraska says the NDP will restore health care services by reversing the cuts made by the Conservative government and by increasing the amount of medical research taking place to lead to better care for patients.

When it comes to seniors, Zaraska says the NDP is also aiming to make the Canadian Pension Plan more beneficial for seniors "so they can retire with more dignity." Making the retirement age 65 is one way the NDP plans to do this.

Zaraska's response earned a loud round of applause from the audience.

Paley has a different solution to deal with this problem.

"I know that some view private healthcare options as a bit of a boogeyman but it not necessarily such a bad thing to expand people's options for healthcare. The fact that Canada ranks No.36 amongst the developed countries for quality of healthcare, despite the amount we spent on it, shows that something can be done better."

Parenteau said, "Seniors have invested their lives into the Government of Canada so they deserve better."

He said the Liberal Party would take a good look at

making the age of retirement in Canada 65 instead of 67 and to continue to find ways to make investments so seniors can live with more security. Parenteau admitted it would be tough to fix Angus' situation in the days following the election before Dec. 1.

Angus told the Journal that she was "somewhat satisfied" with the responses she received but she wished "they made more of a commitment to action."

Helping the Voiceless

A lady inquired of the candidates what they would do to help the Aboriginal children that have been taken away from their parents and live essentially as "voiceless" children.

Parenteau talked about the Liberal Party acting upon the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to enact the Coming Home Program to research some of the kids that were sent to live abroad and ultimately find a process that can help return them home.

He then spoke about being present in the House of Commons the day when the Conservative Government apologized for the legacy of the residential school system in Canada, which was responsible for separating children from their families.

His response received an ovation from the crowd.

Paley remarked the plight of these children "hits a lot closer to home than a person realizes" and he expressed amazement that there were still residential schools in 1996 in Alberta, which he said makes this issue "close to home in space and close to home in time."

Zaraska talked about how the Liberal Party introduced a two per cent "punitive funding cap" for First Nations people and the Conservative Party have failed to make any changes in its close to 10 years in office. He said the NDP would do so and will also take the Truth and Reconciliation Commission "off the dusty shelf" and bring about change.

His response also received an ovation.

Cross Country

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St. Paul Regional High School earned the 3A banner on the strength of 2116.16 points. Finishing in second place was Cold Lake High School with 814.63 points, a total of 1302 points behind Regional.

A total of 16 students from Regional are advancing to provincials. Hank Smid, Regional's athletic director, was pleased with how his school outdid its performance at the 2014 zones and the increase in participation in the school's cross country program.

"Last year we had nine students advance and compete at provincials, so we are excited to see the increase in performance and interest with cross country running. We had more runners this year training and participating in cross country than the past three years"

Ross Lake gets good reviews

Zones were the second cross-country competition in just under two weeks to be hosted at the Ross Lake Campground. The SPAA Cross Country Finals were held at this location on Sept. 24.

Brooke Corbiere, an intermediate Mallaig School that qualified for provincials, said that she is a fan of the Ross Lake course.

"I like the different terrain like the gravel, the hills and the sand. The fact that the course is hilly makes it a bit of a challenge."

Dallas Whitford, a senior boys runner for Ashmont Secondary School, concurred that the course is challenging.

"It is a difficult course and way more of a challenge to complete than the course at Westcove."

Randall wrote, "All students, teachers and parents love the venue and want to see it kept here." He adds that whether this event remains at Ross Lake is "dependent on the decisions made by SPAA and our zone."

SPAA provincial qualifiers:

A total of 18 students in each zone category earn an invitation to compete at provincials.

The following students from SPAA schools have advanced to provincials. Posted alongside each name is each of these students' individual time. (The students that finished within the top three are indicated in brackets):

Junior Women (3000m)

Taylor Balmer (Regional) – 14:57
Dana Gibson (F. G. Miller) – 14:50



Quinton Amundson photo

STARTING DASH - Over 30 runners were at the starting line to compete in the intermediate girls cross country zones race at hosted at the Ross Lake Campground in Whitney Lakes Provincial Park last Wednesday

Haley Kwan (Mallaig) – 13:30 (2nd)
Megan Kotowich (Regional) – 15:04
Jodie Kupchenko (Two Hills) – 14:08
Sydney Letwin (F. G. Miller) – 14:25
Taneiya Mahe (Mallaig) – 14:51
Monica Mathiot (Mallaig) – 14:53
Bobbie Osborne (Mallaig) – 13:51 (3rd)
Raine Skeoch (Vilna) – 15:18
Sydney Theroux (Glendon) – 14:21

Junior Men (4000m):

Nathan Barlad (Regional) – 17:02
Christian Castle (F. G. Miller) – 16:35
DJ Drobot (F. G. Miller) – 15:19 (3rd)
Brandon Fedoruk (Regional) – 16:56
Alex Hunter (F. G. Miller) – 15:14 (2nd)
Christian Laramée (Regional) – 16:05
Brenden Levasseur (Regional) – 15:35
Tyrece Lilje (Mallaig) – 16:12
Daniel Medema (Mallaig) – 16:36

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Jesse Osborne (Mallaig) – 14:48 (1st)
Trey Shirt (Ashmont) – 15:58

Intermediate Women (4000m):

Brooke Corbiere (Mallaig) – 19:32 (3rd)
Sarah Fox (Two Hills) – 21:11
Courtney Hebert (Regional) – 20:44
Faith Janz (Glendon) – 21:24
Josie Kwiatkowski (Glendon) – 21:17
Mienna Starosielski (Mallaig) – 19:56
Savannah Toma (Two Hills) – 21:23
Heidi Tymko (Regional) – 21:00
Nancy Wiebe (Glendon) – 20:14

Intermediate Men (5000m):

Logan Hellquist (Regional) – 20:15
Bowen Krider (F. G. Miller) – 20:00
Clay Kwiatkowski (Mallaig) – 20:39
Nathen Palsitt (Two Hills) – 19:28
Brett Seguin (Mallaig) – 20:32
Eric Stuparyk (F. G. Miller) – 20:45

Senior Women (4000m):

Danielle Chamberland (Regional) – 17:23 (1st)
Allison Christensen (Mallaig) – 20:07
Skye-Lee Ferland (Mallaig) – 20:41
Marissa Muench (Regional) – 19:07 (3rd)

Chloe Ozga (Mallaig) – 20:12
Hayley Theroux (Glendon) – 20:43
Madison Trottier (Regional) – 20:06

Senior Men (6000m):

Romeo Cardines (Regional) – 25:07 (3rd)
Brenden Foote (Regional) – 25:47
Drew Halfe (Ashmont) – 25:07
Yoonsung Heo (Regional) – 27:34
Liam Krys (Regional) – 27:50
Ryan Martin (F. G. Miller) – 26:33

*Congratulations,
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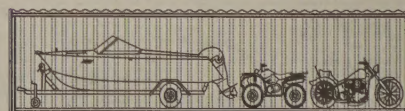
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